

PUBLIC NOTICE

APPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME MAGISTRATE JUDGE

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a part-time United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Wyoming for the Casper area in Wyoming. The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging and will include the conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; conduct of various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the judges of the district court; and trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants. Basic jurisdiction of the United States magistrate judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. 636.

To be qualified for appointment and applicant must:

- (1) Be a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a State, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands of the United States, and have been engaged in the practice of law for a period of at least 5 years.
- (2) Be competent to perform all the duties of the office; be of good moral character; be emotionally stable and mature; be committed to equal justice under the law; be in good health; be patient and courteous; and be capable of deliberation and decisiveness.
- (3) Be less than seventy years old; and
- (4) Not be related to a judge of the district court.

A Merit Selection Panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all applicants and recommend to the judges of the district court in confidence the three persons whom it considers best qualified. The court will make the appointment, following an FBI full-field investigation and IRS tax check of the appointee. An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified candidates, including women and members of minority groups. The current annual salary of the position is \$11,211 per annum. The term of office is four years.

Further information on the magistrate judge position may be obtained from the Office of the Clerk, U. S. District Court.. Applications must be submitted only by potential nominees to the Merit Selection Panel, c/o Clerk, U. S. District, P. O. Box 727, Cheyenne WY 82003, or by faxing to (307) 772-2148 and **must be received no later than July 20, 2001.**

All applications will be kept confidential, unless the applicant consents to disclosure, and all applications will be examined only by members of the Merit Selection Panel and the judges of the district court. The panel's deliberations will remain confidential.

Note: Part-time magistrate judges are not normally tendered government-furnished chambers or office space. They are reimbursed for the actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties (28.U.S.C. Sec 635(b))